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| We commend you for your leadership in convening the upcoming | | |
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| America's ties to the | Asian-Pacific region a | re a boy component to |
| ensuring continued Ame | rican global competiti | veness. |

Your upcoming meeting with President Jiang Zemin of the People's Republic of China later this month provides an opportunity to underscore continuing Administration and Congressional support for the conditions contained in your May 28 Executive Order.

We are very concerned about China's lack of progress in meeting these conditions and urge you to emphasize in your meeting with President Jiang the clear, unified message of the Administration and Congress regarding the issue of MFN and improving human rights in China and Tibet.

Unfortunately, there have been no signs of improvement in human rights in China and Tibet over the past five months, and in many respects, conditions have deteriorated. The following are just a few examples:

- * The largest series of political prosecutions since early 1991 is about to begin, with at least 19 indictments handed down in September 1993 for peaceful pro-democracy activists arrested last year. These activists face sentences of up to life imprisonment.
- * Journalists have been arrested or sentenced to harsh prison terms ranging from ten years to life. Gao Yu, for example, was arrested on October 4, 1993, just prior to her planned departure to the U.S., and charged with "leaking state secrets."
- * Repression in Tibet continues with over 100 arrests between January and mid-August alone. A Tibetan businesswoman, Damchoe Pema, who was pregnant when arrested in May 1993, miscarried after being beaten by police with electric batons.
- * Han Dongfang, a peaceful Tabor activist, was expelled from China on August 13, 1993, after he sought to exercise his internationally guaranteed right as a Chinese citizen to return to his own country.

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- * Torture remains widespread, and religious persecution has intensified, according to reports by human rights groups, including Asia Watch and Amnesty International.
- * Prison labor products continue to be exported to the United States.

The continued suppression by the Chinese government of the peaceful aspirations of its citizens for greater freedom and democracy casts a shadow upon our ability to rely upon Chinese assurances in other areas, such as proliferation and market opening measures. We remain deeply concerned with these aspects of our bilateral relations.

We hope that your meetings in Seattle are productive and that China's leaders will take advantage of the new opportunities for bilateral dialogue and discussion to address our serious concerns.

Sincerely,

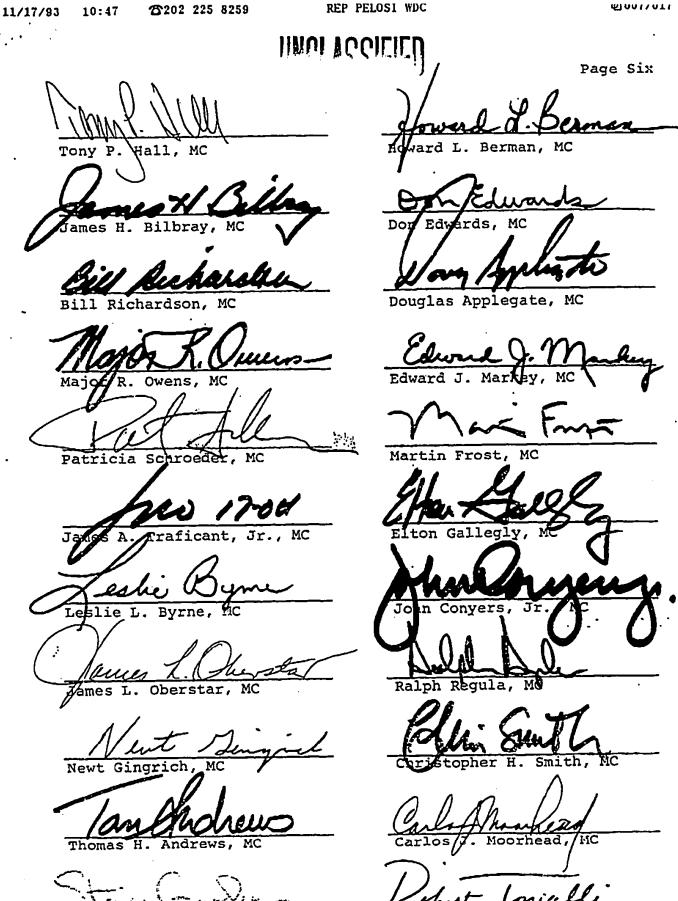
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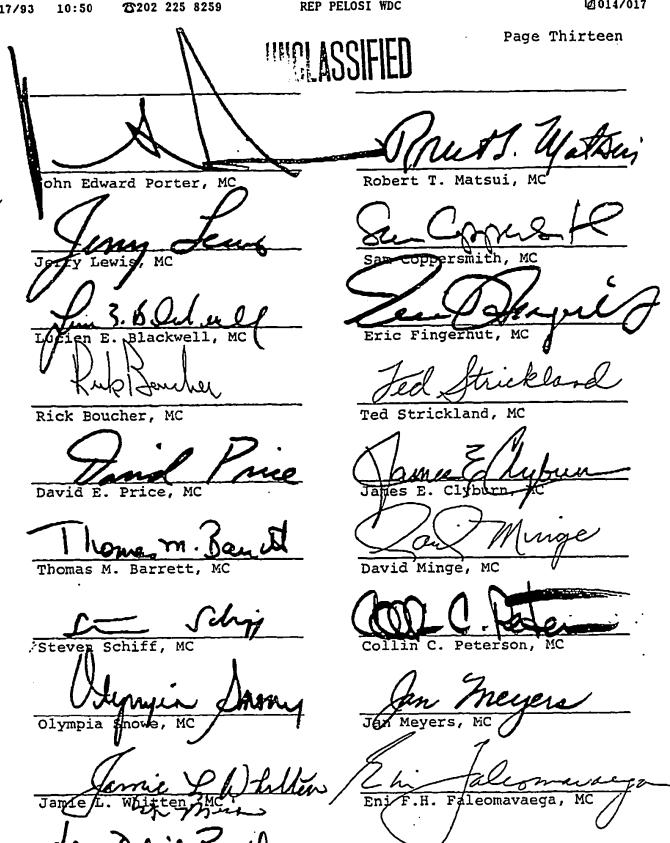
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SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE Wednesday, November 17 1993

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The City That Knows **How to Choose Friends**

ODAY, Jiang Zemin, general secretary of the Communist Party of the Pcople's Republic of China, will visit San Francisco - and the United States - for the first time since the massacre at Tiananmen Square in June 1989.

This visit comes at a time during sensitive negotiations between China and the United States over China's human rights abuses, its sale of missile technology to Pakistan, its violation of our trade agreements and its barriers to American-made products into the Chinese market.

The Beljing government wants to use the visit as a propaganda tool to demoralize the pro-democracy movement which still exists in China. They want to use it as proof that the tragic events in Beijing in 1989 and the ongoing repression in Tibet and China have been forgiven and forgotten. .

Precisely because of the invitation's political usefulness, for over four years China has been angling for an individual invitation to visit the United States, outside the context of multilateral conferences such as the United Nations or this weck's APEC meeting. Jiang's clevation to president and general secretary was part of a careful strategy to provide a more appealing front for the policies of the Beijing hard-liners.

Make no mistake, Jiang represents Beljing's policies. In an interview conducted a year after the Tiananmen Square massacre, Jiang said that the revulsion of the West to the massacre and its re-pressive aftermuth was "high add about nothing." Indeed fine, cill-crated that he did not have any regret about the way in which we dealt with the events which took place" in Beijing.

tional support for the people and culture of Tibet.

- The largest series of political persecutions since early 1991 is about to begin, with at least 19 indictments handed down in Sep-. tember for peaceful pro-democracy activists arrested last year. These activists face sentences of up to life imprisonment. Other Tiananmen leaders, such as Chen Ziming and Wang Juntao, remain imprisoned.
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San Francisco prides itself as the "city that knows best." I am confident that the city will show it knows how to greet President Jiang with courtesy, and to acknowledge the rich legacy that China has given to our country though its people and its culture.

I am equally confident that San Francisco will show that we know how to greet President Jang with soriousness as well.

We must remember that Jiang, as president and general secretack is the embodiment of the government of the mbodi-minute of the propile of China. In-tical it is our duty to ensure that Jiang not confuse hospitality with approval. Most importantly, it is our duty to ensure that the hard-li-

contacements, there have been no signs of improvement in human rights in China and Tiled and in many respects, conditions have deteriorated. The following Hopefully the people of China and Tiled we stand the our principles.

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and Tibet, who labor under the yoke of oppression, will gain some comfort from the fact that San Francisco conditions its friendship on their freedom.

Nancy Pelosi represents San Francisco In the House of Representatives. She chairs the Congressional Working Group on China.